

# ***NEWS UPDATE***

**Shelby County Office of Preparedness/  
Memphis & Shelby County Emergency  
Management Agency**



**EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER**  
**(901) 515-2525**

**September 2, 2008      Morning Update**

- **Shelter Command/Coordination:** Shelby County Office of Preparedness-Memphis and Shelby County EMA Emergency Operations Center **(901) 515-2525**. Bob Nations, Director
- **What's New Since the Last Update?**
  1. Hope Presbyterian Church at 8500 Walnut Grove Road is serving food throughout the day to evacuees
  2. Temple of Deliverance Church of God in Christ at 369 G.E. Patterson Boulevard will serve food TOMORROW (September 3) from 11 a.m. through 4 p.m.
  3. Many area tourist attractions are giving discounts to evacuees. Contact the Memphis Convention and Visitors Bureau at (901) 543-5375
- **Approximately 2700 are staying in 15 Memphis area shelters. Seven (7 ) shelters are for the mandatory evacuees. Eight (8) have been opened to receive others who voluntarily left the hurricane zone**

**Status of 8 shelters for voluntary evacuees:**

## **SPACE AVAILABLE**

1. Hope Presbyterian Church-8500 Walnut Grove Road

## **SHELTERS AT CAPACITY**

1. World Overcomers Outreach Ministries Church-6655 Winchester Road at Kirby Parkway
2. First Baptist Church of West Memphis, Arkansas-200 Missouri Street
3. Memphis Catholic High School 61 North McLean
4. Bishop Byrne High School-1475 East Shelby Drive
5. Cummings Street Baptist Church-250 East Raines Road
6. G.W. Henderson Senior Center-1165 Abbay Street, Tunica, Mississippi
7. Marion First Baptist Church-2137 Highway 77 Marion, Arkansas

**(More)**

- **A Word About Shelters**

► **Should faith-based organizations want to open a shelter, the Emergency Operations Center should be contacted. The shelter will be listed along with the others in the daily updates to the community. Also, any facility opened as a shelter should be inspected to ensure it meets building and fire codes**

- **What's Needed From the Public?**

**Personal care items:** Toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, shampoo, hairbrushes, combs, adult Depends, toilet tissue, baby food, baby wipes, diapers and towels. Pens, pencils, coloring books, crayons and poster boards are also needed. Donated supplies may be dropped off at a warehouse at 994 South Bellevue between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. or at the Red Cross at 1400 Central Avenue during business hours

**THERE IS NOT YET A NEED FOR DONATED CLOTHES**

- **Volunteers:** Volunteers are **NEEDED** to help during the relief effort to work at area shelters seeing the needs of evacuees and serving food. People who want to volunteer should call the volunteer hotline **(901) 324-8799** between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. for information
- **Pets:** Are not allowed in the Shelters. "Service dogs" with evacuees are permitted in the shelter. The Memphis Humane Society-935 Farm Road at Shelby Farms and Collierville Animal Shelter-603 East South Street are boarding pets
- **Food:** Shelter food provided by Memphis City Schools. Hope Presbyterian is also serving meals throughout the day. The church is located at 8500 Walnut Grove Road. Temple of Deliverance Church of God in Christ at 369 G.E. Patterson Boulevard will be serving food tomorrow (September 3) from 1100 through 4:00 p.m.
- **Transportation:** Provided by Memphis Area Transit Authority (MATA) buses
- **Area attractions:** Many tourist attractions are discounting rates for evacuees. Contact the Memphis Convention and Visitors Bureau at (901) 543-5375
- **Crime victims:** Evacuees who might be crime victims may call the Shelby County Victims Assistance Center at (901) 543-HELP (4357) from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The center is located at 600 Adams Avenue

The Shelby County Office of Preparedness/EMA Operations Center is open 24 hours a day. Representatives of Shelby County and Memphis City Government divisions and various community agencies are at the center monitoring the hurricane relief efforts. For questions, call **(901) 515-2525**.

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